

**OLD BLACKSBURG MIDDLE SCHOOL (OBMS)
TRANSITION COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MAY 16, 2007**

Present

Blacksburg

Councilman Paul Lancaster
Town Manager Marc Verniel
Citizen Member Kathryn Albright

Montgomery County

BoS Member Gary Creed
County Administrator Clay Goodman

Absent

Citizen Member Gary McCoy

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m.

Acceptance of Minutes of March 21, 2007

On a motion by Gary Creed, seconded by Marc Verniel and carried unanimously, the Minutes of the March 21, 2007 meeting were approved.

Draft Program Design for OBMS Competition

Marc Verniel introduced Tripp Muldrow of Arnett Muldrow and Associates. Mr. Muldrow is a process consultant who has previously worked for the Town of Blacksburg to assist in developing an economic development plan for their downtown area. Virginia Tech Architecture Professor Donna Dunay, who has been working on the design competition guidelines, will work with Mr. Muldrow in developing the appropriate procedures for the design competition.

Discussion by the OBMS Transition Committee included the need for the group to come up with parameters and provide to applicants of the design competition, and make it very clear to the applicants that this has to be a project that is build able; there was also discussion about selection of the jury and the need to clarify qualifications for the jurors; and the need to discuss the cost with both governing bodies.

Mr. Creed said he would like to see the Town of Blacksburg go on record that they will support rezoning for whatever comes out of the competition.

Mr. Goodman brought up the fact that the goal for phase 2 of the design competition includes transferring ownership of the property from the County to the developer who will construct the award winning design. Mr. Goodman will get a legal opinion from the County Attorney about what is required in order for the County to do this.

In order to set some sort of value on the property, it was suggested that the advertisement for the design competition include the fact that it is a 20 acre downtown property, show location as relative to Virginia Tech and downtown, and how much similar property is selling for.

Mr. Muldrow and Ms. Dunay will work together and draft a plan that can be taken to the Town Council and the Board of Supervisors.

Mr. Goodman reviewed the items to be provided at the next meeting by Ms. Dunay and Mr. Muldrow as follows:

1. Written document outlining phase 1 and phase 2 of the design competition
2. Power point presentation
3. Establish process for jury qualification and selection
4. Cost of project that is to be discussed with both governing bodies

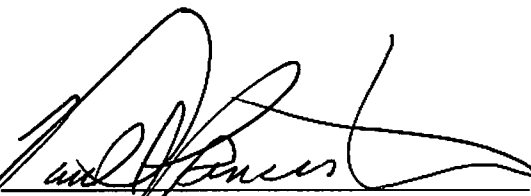
Marc Verniel and Clay Goodman will attempt to schedule a joint meeting with the Blacksburg Town Council and the Montgomery County Board of Supervisors for July 11, 2007 at 5:30 p.m. to receive a presentation on the design competition.

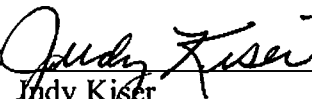
Schedule Next Meeting Date

The next meeting of the OBMS Transition Committee will be on Wednesday, June 27, 2007 at 2:00 p.m.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:12 p.m.

Signed: 
Paul Lancaster
Chairman

Attest: 
Judy Kiser
Recording Secretary